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Subject: RE: DRAFT Juneau County desk stmt

I made some changes ... I'm not sure I quite love it, but why don't you go ahead and share with WD and ORC. I suspect Jim would like it to highlight our "initiating role" a little more strongly, but I'm not even sure what that means.

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Please let me know your thoughts -- I haven't shared with WD/ORC yet. Also, Juneau County did not sign the MOU last night because several key people were on vacation. It will be brought up at their next board meeting on Jan 15. Linda and ORC are not sure if WDNR will want to wait until the last signature is received before making the announcement.

Draft statement

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